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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: MESSAGE TO ASIA FOUNDATION

CONFERENCE (S/S NO. 7616917)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM S/P- R. BARTHOLOMEW, ACTING

1. YOU AGREED TO PROVIDE EDITH COLIVER OF THE ASIA FOUNDATION WITH A MESSAGE FOR A MEETING OF HARVARD INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ALUMNI FROM ASIA BEING HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO AUGUST 9-13. THE TOPIC OF THE CONFERENCE IS "THE MEANING OF INDEPENDENCE." MS. COLIVER ASKED THAT YOUR MESSAGE REACH ASIA FOUNDATION PRESIDENT HAYDN WILLIAMS BY OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE EVENING OF AUGUST 9.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DR. WILLIAMS, DISTINGUISHED PARTICIPANTS, FRIENDS:

3. I AM PLEASED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY TO YOU

MY VERY BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF THIS CONFERENCE.

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THE ISSUE YOU WILL ADDRESS -- INDEPENDENCE -- IS OF COURSE

OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THE UNITED STATES IN THIS

BICENTENNIAL YEAR. BUT IT HAS AS WELL, I BELIEVE, A

VITAL MEANING FOR ALL NATIONS IN THE NEW GLOBAL ERA AHEAD.

4. IN THE LAST FEW YEARS WE ALL HAVE SEEN INTERDEPENDENCE

TRANSFORMED FROM A SLOGAN INTO AN INESCAPABLE REALITY.

IT IS A FACT AFFECTING ALL OUR LIVES -- ONE WHICH CAN

LEAD TO HEIGHTENED RESENTMENT AND CONFRONTATION, OR TO

FRESH OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATIVE PROGRESS. IF IT IS

TO BE A POSITIVE FORCE, IT MUST BECOME MORE THAN MUTUAL

DEPENDENCE; IT MUST BE FOUNDED UPON THE RESPONSIBLE AND

COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS OF INDEPENDENT AND FUNDAMENTALLY

SELF-RELIANT NATIONS.

5. THUS, INDEPENDENCE IN OUR TIME IS NOT ONLY A VALUE,

IT IS A NECESSITY. AMERICANS HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN THIS.

THE FOUNDERS OF OUR NATIONS RECOGNIZED THAT INDEPENDENCE

WAS NOT AN END IN ITSELF, BUT THE INDISPENSABLE MEANS,

AS SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON HAS POINTED OUT, OF PRESERVING

AND EXTENDING LIBERTIES ALREADY ACHIEVED: LIFE, LIBERTY,

AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

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6. TODAY, AMERICANS REMAIN WHAT THEIR ANCESTORS WERE:

A PEOPLE DEDICATED TO UPHOLD THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND THAT

OF THEIR FRIENDS; AND CONFIDENT THAT THEIR CHILDREN WILL

DEFEND THE LEGACY OF FREEDOM AND PASS IT ON TO FUTURE

GENERATIONS. THEY KNOW THAT TRULY INDEPENDENT NATIONS
ARE THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE WIDER WORLD COMMUNITY WE
SEEK AND THAT THEY ARE THE SUREST HOPE FOR PRESERVING
THE ABILITY OF FREE AND CREATIVE PEOPLES TO COOPERATIVELY
ADDRESS THE INCREASINGLY COMPLEX PROBLEMS OF OUR SHRINKING
PLANET. END TEXT.

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